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OCT 27 2006**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**Applicant: **BUCHAN, Nicholas I, et al.**For (title): **FABRICATION PROCESS FOR PREPARING RECORDING
HEAD SLIDERS MADE FROM SILICON SUBSTRATES WITH SiO₂
OVERCOATS**Filing Date: **09/29/2003**Serial No: **10/675,203**Examiner: **GEORGE, Patricia Ann**Art Unit: **1765****Box Amendment****P.O. Box 1450****Alexandria, VA 22313-1450****RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Examiner George:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated 7/27/2006, Applicant submits the following remarks and amendments, currently due on a statutory period for response expiring on 10/27/2006. It is thought that no extension of time is necessary.

The Examiner has stated, on the Office Action Summary that Claims 1-4, 6-14 and 16-20 are pending, and claims 1-4, 6-14 and 16-20 are rejected. This response is organized as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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